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SUBJECT:BHUTTO'S FEBRUARY VISIT

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ON FEBRUARY 5 AT 10:30 A.M. AND TO HOST A DINNER AT 8:00 P.M. THAT EVENING. YOU SHOULD CONFIRM THE DATE WITH BHUTTO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE ARE PLANNING THE VISIT ON THE BASIS ON WHICH BHUTTO FIRST DISCUSSED IT, I.E., AN INFORMAL WORKING VISIT. HE WOULD BE THE PRESIDENT'S GUEST AT BLAIR HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 5 (AND THE 4TH IF BHUTTO PREFERS TO ARRIVE THE EVENING BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT). IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER, I WOULD HOST A LUNCHEON HERE FOR BHUTTO AND HOLD A MEETING WITH HIM IN THE DEPARTMENT. THERE WOULD BE

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TIME IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE 5TH FOR BHUTTO TO MEET WITH

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND THE PRESS IF HE DESIRES. AN INFORMAL VISIT WOULD NOT INCLUDE A FULL ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE (ALTHOUGH HE WOULD BE GREETED WITH A TRUMPET FANFARE), NOR A RECIPROCAL SOCIAL FUNCTION HOSTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. IN CONVEYING THE DATE TO BHUTTO, YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM. PLEASE ALSO CONVEY MY WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS AND MY PLEASURE AT THE PROSPECT OF WELCOMING HIM HERE IN FEBRUARY. INGERSOLL

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